

GROUP OF STUDENTS, ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

From the College and Normal Courses nearly 600 graduates have been sent out. The plant, valued at \$300,000, has seven large brick buildings on a campus of 65 acres. The permanent funds aggregate \$72,000. The school has been called a "Door of Hope for every Negro." It is earnestly Christian. The University makes a specialty of sociological work and industrial training.

his retirement in 1907, gave as teacher and president the best years of a singularly devoted life to the institution. Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, of Atlanta, in a lecture in Boston on the story of Atlanta University said: "The name of President Bumstead will go down in history as that of the apostle of the higher education of the American Negro." In 1907 Rev. Edward T. Ware, A.B., son of the founder and first president, became president of Atlanta University on the retirement of Mr. Bumstead.

Location and Work

Atlanta University is located upon a commanding eminence in the western part of the capital city of Georgia. Seven large buildings on a campus of sixty-five acres, a Carnegie library of nearly twelve thousand volumes, physical, chemical, and sociological laboratories, a growing equipment, and a well fitted printing office, constitute the chief features of the material plant, worth not less than \$250,000. There are 350 students enrolled, about one half of the number being day students from the city of Atlanta, while the remainder are boarding students who come from 10 different states in the South. There are 5 full professors and 15 instructors in the work of the university.

Atlanta University has taught some five thousand students. Of these, nearly seven hundred have finished the full high school course, and five hundred of them have received a degree or normal diploma. Sixty per cent of all the graduates are teachers. More than three fourths of the teachers of the Negro public schools of Atlanta are graduates of Atlanta University, and its graduates are also found in large numbers, as teachers of the public schools in Savannah, Athens, Augusta, and other Georgia cities and towns. It is said about these graduates that they "are reaching 20,000 black boys and girls each year, and are handing on the light which they have received at Atlanta."

Atlanta is a normal school and a college, with a preparatory course to each. Students entering the preparatory course must have completed eight grades of grammar school work. A part of the college course, as well as the normal course, is planned with the special object of training teachers.

Industrial Training an Important Feature

Industrial training is an important feature of the college work. Boys in the college preparatory course, and girls in the preparatory and normal courses, are required to take industrial training